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TORRES ET AL.)	
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RESPONSE

Introductory Comments

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003.

Substitute drawings for figure 1A, 1B and 1C labeled "Prior Art" are submitted herewith.

Claims 5 and 7-11 are pending in the application.

The rejection of claims 5 and 7-11 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 3,792,416 to Moulin in view of U.S. Patent 3,077,572 to Zimmerman is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration of the claims without amendment is requested.